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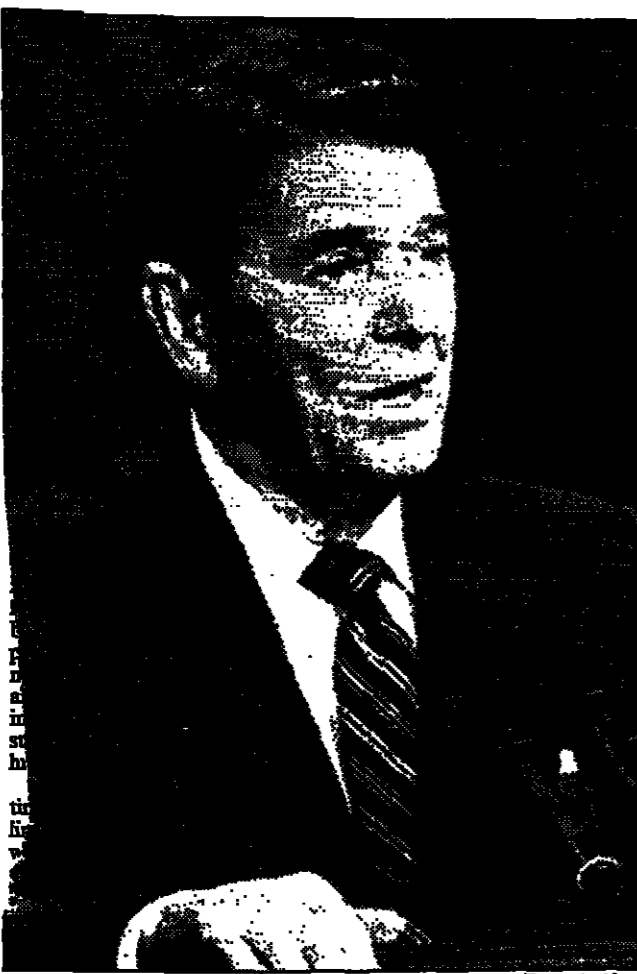
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President Reagan has defended his decision to talk to the PLO.

## Soviet Army Paper Airs Unease on Cuts

By Michael Dobbs  
*Washington Post Service*  
**MOSCOW** — The first signs of military unease with proposed cuts of 700,000 men in the Soviet armed forces were aired Thursday in a newspaper whose readership is limited to the rear echelons of the Soviet military machine. The paper, *Krasnaya Zvezda*, published an article on Thursday that expressed concern over the Kremlin's decision to reduce the size of the armed forces by two years as the troop cuts take effect.

The paper predicted several significant changes in military training methods, including the exemption of draft-age students from compulsory military service. None of the officers whose letters were published directly criticized the troop reduction plan. To differ in public with a major policy move already announced by the Kremlin would be unthinkable even under Mr. Gorbachev's policy of *glasnost*, or openness.

But several officers made it clear that they were worried about the implications of the decision on a personal and professional level. "It must be said openly: It's difficult to assume oneself to such a reduction," wrote a lieutenant colonel of a guards division, S. Tokalenko. "For many of us, it won't be easy to adjust psychologically. The army has its own special atmosphere, its own traditions."

Colonel Tokalenko and several other officers expressed concern over whether dismissed military personnel would lose their right to special housing. In an evident attempt to ease these worries, the deputy chief of staff, General Vladimir Lobov, promised Wednesday that no officer would suffer "either materially or spiritually" as a result of the cuts.

General Lobov predicted that one fifth of all the personnel cuts, amounting to 100,000 men, would be made in the professional officer corps rather than from the ranks of conscripts.

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# U.S. Makes First Contact With PLO

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches  
**WASHINGTON** — The United States made its first official contact with the Palestine Liberation Organization on Thursday after President Ronald Reagan's decision to reverse long-standing policy and open a dialogue with the group.

But as contact was made in Tunisia, Mr. Reagan warned he would not hesitate to "break off communications" with the PLO if it reneged on its declarations to renounce terrorism and accept Israel's right to exist.

Mr. Reagan defended his decision to permit a dialogue, reversing a 12-year Washington policy, saying that "words have been spoken" that spelled out the PLO's acceptance of U.S. conditions for direct talks.

At a news conference Wednesday night, Secretary of State George P. Shultz said the PLO had issued a statement in which it accepted United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, recognized Israel's right to exist in peace and security and renounced terrorism.

"As a result," Mr. Shultz said, "the United States is prepared for a substantive dialogue with PLO representatives."

Mr. Reagan said Thursday that he did not think Israel had any reason to be upset with the decision because the United States had made it plain that it had "not retreated one inch" from its position of guaranteeing the safety of the Jewish state.

The president talked to reporters twice, during picture-taking sessions in the Oval Office with Prime Minister Turgut Ozal of Turkey and later with Prime Minister Ciriaco De Mita of Italy.

He spoke after U.S. officials quickly followed through on the reversal of the policy against talks with the PLO and sought an early meeting. A senior State Department official said he hoped this would lead to direct Arab-Israeli peace talks.

President-elect George Bush said Thursday that he supported the president's decision.

Mr. Reagan said the administration made its decision after it became satisfied that the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, in a news conference in Geneva on Wednesday, had complied with the American conditions for a dialogue with his organization.

Asked to explain the reversal, Mr. Reagan replied, "Well, because the words have been spoken, and the words were the words that we have been stating were necessary."

But he quickly added that "the words must be matched by performance, and if they're not, why, we're back where we started."

Asked a short time later what he would do if the PLO failed to live up to its statements, the president replied, "Well, we'd certainly break off communications."

The U.S. ambassador to Tunisia, Robert H. Pelletreau Jr., who was assigned to open the "substantive dialogue" with the PLO, called the director-general of the political section at the PLO's headquarters in

Tunis to make arrangements for the talks, a U.S. official said.

A PLO executive committee member in Tunis said that the first public meeting between the United States and the PLO would take place in Tunis on Friday afternoon.

Abdullah Hourani, one of the four men designated to be on the PLO team in the talks, told Reuters on Thursday that they would meet in a Tunisian government building yet to be decided.

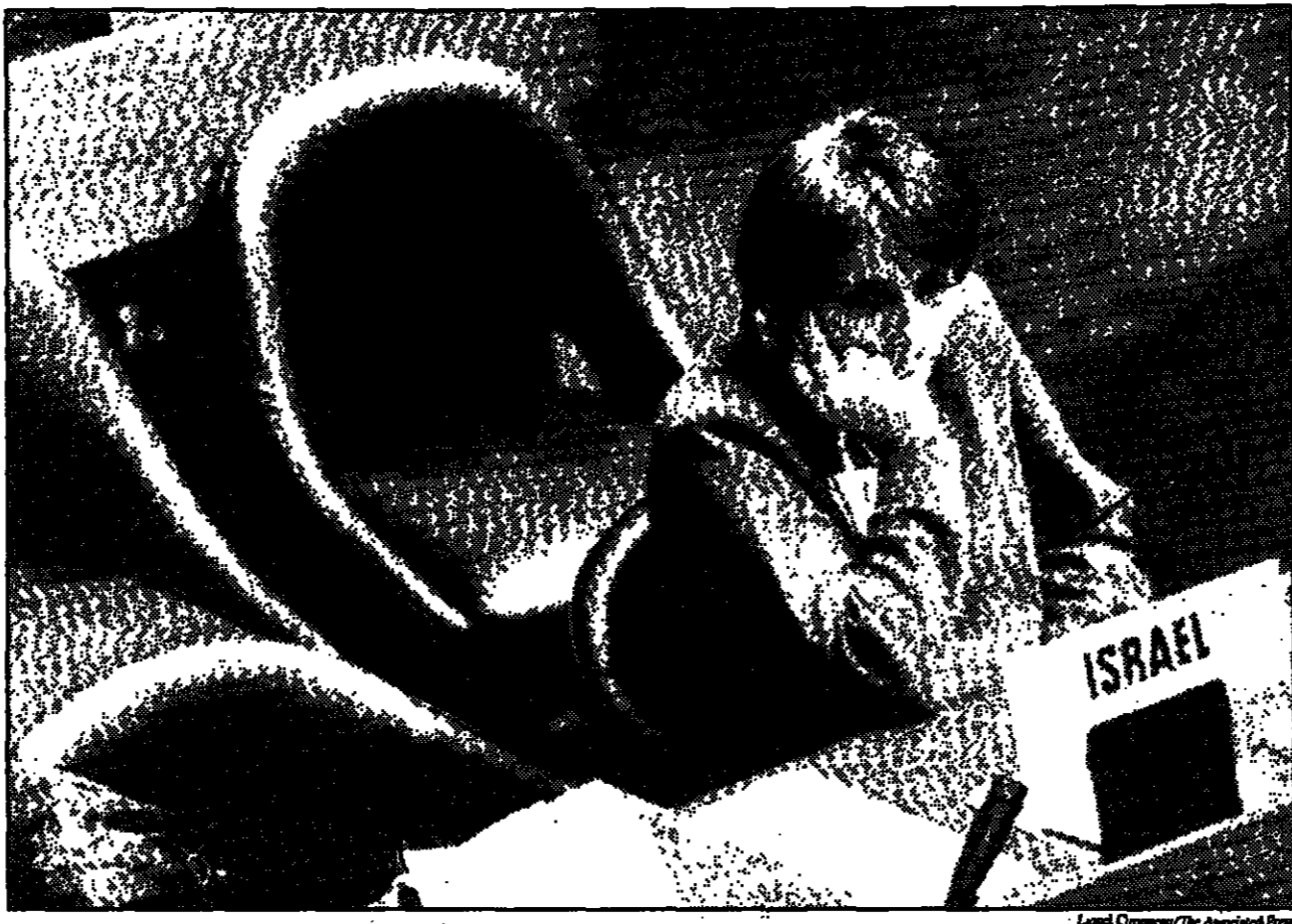
Mr. Arafat was meeting with East German officials in Berlin on Thursday, then was reported heading for Bucharest. It was not known when he intended to return to Tunis.

As to the topics of the talks, the U.S. official said, "We have our agenda of things to talk to the PLO about. First among them is the issue of terrorism. And how you get to peace negotiations."

Mr. Shultz made his decision after two hectic days of lobbying by Arab allies of the United States, notably Saudi Arabia and Egypt. King Fahd of Saudi Arabia sent two personal messages to Mr. Reagan on Wednesday, saying Mr. Arafat had gone as far as he could and the United States should not miss this "historic opportunity."

The Saudi ambassador, Prince Bandar bin Sultan, and Ambassador Ahmed Raouf Razy of Egypt pressed the White House and State Department to respond positively.

The White House spokesman, Martin Fitzwater, said the chain of events that brought about the success, "See PLO, Page 6"



A single delegate from Israel, Myriam Milo, listening Thursday to the final day of debate on Palestine at the UN session in Geneva.

## Arabs Hail U.S. Move as Step to Peace

By Alan Cowell  
*New York Times Service*  
**CAIRO** — Officials and commentators in many parts of the Arab world responded warmly Thursday to the U.S. decision to open a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization, but they cast it as only a start in the longer process of securing Middle East peace.

In Damascus, small, radical Palestinian factions outside the PLO issued veiled threats that they would counter the new relationship with Washington with terrorism.

But the overriding sentiment among Egyptian and other Arab officials was that the U.S. move had vindicated what they depict as a new moderation and realism within the PLO and an emergent bloc of Arab nations that support the trend.

Other officials indicated that the deepest concern for Cairo had been that continued American dismissals of Mr. Arafat's purported moderation would undermine his position within the PLO and leave his Arab allies exposed to radical taunts that they had frittered away Palestinian bargaining chips for no visible return.

Several Palestinian commentators depicted the U.S. decision as a victory for what Arabs call the *intifada* — the year-old Palestinian uprising.

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## Shamir Denounces Acceptance of PLO As a U.S. 'Blunder'

By Joel Brinkley  
*New York Times Service*  
**JERUSALEM** — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Thursday that the U.S. decision to talk with the Palestine Liberation Organization was a dangerous "blunder" that will not help us, will not help the United States and not help the peace process.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres suggested that the United States and other countries willing to talk to the PLO were naive. "While other countries are expressing their views out of sincere hope," he said, "we express our views from bitter experience."

While some Israelis of the political left said that they were delighted with the American decision, Mr. Peres and Mr. Shamir expressed the prevailing view — concern that bordered on anguish as Israel accepted that it now stood completely alone on the issue of relations with the PLO.

In an interview Thursday, Mr. Shamir acknowledged that with the U.S. change of position, no other country agreed with his view that negotiations should not be held with the PLO under any circumstances.

Being alone, Mr. Shamir said, was "not the ideal situation." He said that Israel's job now was to try to persuade the United States to change its mind.

"If they really talk to the PLO every day they will have a reason to stop," he said.

While Mr. Peres went out of his way to say he believed that Israel's relations with the United States would remain "as friendly, as deep as meaningful" as before, Mr. Shamir took a somewhat darker view.

"This will have an impact," he said. "You can't ignore it. You can't deny it."

Mr. Peres suggested that PLO actions would eventually convince the United States that it erred.

"I surely see a change in their rhetoric, but I hardly see a change in their actions," he said, adding that "if one Molotov cocktail" was thrown in the Israeli-occupied territories, it would nullify Mr. Arafat's renunciation of terrorism.

Newspaper editorials generally agreed. The daily *Hadashot* called the U.S. decision "the most painful diplomatic slap Israel has received," while the daily *Maariv* said that Mr. Arafat had "once again made a fool out of the Americans."

Many Israelis on the political left were of a different view, saying that perhaps the PLO really had changed.

"I think we've started a new era," Ezer Weizman of the Labor Party said. "In my estimation, the process..."

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## Door Open, But Where Will It Lead?

By David B. Ottaway and John M. Goshko  
*Washington Post Service*  
**WASHINGTON** — The Reagan administration's decision to begin a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization has opened the door to a new era in Middle East diplomacy whose consequences, other than a period of severe strain in U.S.-Israeli relations, are impossible to predict.

The only thing clear in the immediate aftermath is that the United States, despite what administration spokesmen were saying Thursday, has in effect extended diplomatic recognition to the PLO and introduced it as a party in any new peace process.

This in itself is an act of momentous consequence, a kind of diplomatic Rubicon in the Middle East — first for Israel and then for the incoming Bush administration as it seeks to devise a new approach to settling the dispute.

The U.S. action presents a direct challenge to Israel's steadfast refusal to deal with the PLO and undermines its efforts to find other Palestinians to negotiate with from the Israeli-occupied territories.

It also lays the groundwork for a confrontation between the United States and Israel over the direction the peace process should take — one that Secretary of State George P. Shultz already got a taste of in his four attempts this last year to persuade Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to accept a peace plan.

The State Department spokesman, Charles E. Redman, sought on Thursday to minimize the significance of the U.S. decision to open "a substantive dialogue" with the PLO. He said repeatedly that it had "nothing to do with" U.S. recognition of the PLO, an issue which "in no way enters into this equation."

"I don't see any impact on any other aspect of the PLO status by virtue of this decision," he said, reaffirming the present U.S. policy of denying the PLO an office in Washington. "What has happened is that we are now able to have a dialogue with the PLO."

Nor has there been any change in the U.S. rejection of the PLO declaration in Algiers on Nov. 15 of an independent Palestinian state in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Even a new visa request from the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, to go to the United Nations in New York — Mr. Shultz rejected a request...

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## Kiosk

### Canada Voids Language Law

**OTTAWA (NYT)** — The Supreme Court of Canada struck down on Thursday the Quebec language law requiring the posting of commercial and other public signs in French only.

The action was a victory for Quebec's 800,000 English speakers, who have fought for more than a decade for the right to post signs in their language. But it created a political crisis for Robert Bourassa, the premier of Quebec, who must now decide whether to abide by the court decision or to override it under provisions that empower a provincial government to declare itself exempt from such rulings.



Qien Samphan, leader of the Khmer Rouge, said he plans ready to support peace talks on Cambodia. Page 2.

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Western thinking about Soviet strategy has shifted. Page 2.

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## In Spitak, Survivors Are Living a Death

By David Remnick  
*Washington Post Service*  
**SPITAK, U.S.S.R.** — In this Armenian town, the living search for the dead.

A young man in his 20s walked up and down rows of coffins on Wednesday, opening lids, looking for his brother. Finally, he found what he did not want to see, and at the sight of his brother, climbed into the coffin with him, ready to join the dead.

Nothing prepares a visitor for Spitak, for its small sports stadium filled with coffins and its bodies left out in the cold. With a population of 20,000, surrounded by the Caucasus mountains, Spitak was a beautiful place to live a week ago, people here say.

But then, on Dec. 7, the earth moved beneath it and the town was completely destroyed. At least half its residents died. Eight kindergartens, eight schools, factories for soap, sugar and elevators — all were reduced to rubble.

On every street, the curbs are lined with coffins and the detritus of ordinary life: a stack of Armenian novels, a pile of cabbages, a boot, a half-eaten loaf of bread, a torn reproduction of a portrait. And everywhere the smell is of smoke and snow and the dead.

Artavazd Kogoyan, a sugar worker who on Wednesday was still looking for his daughter, said, "In this town, it used to be that when one person died, we all cried. But now only a few can cry. We have no more tears left."

Survivors who spend their days turning over slabs of concrete in hopes of a finding someone alive are slowly giving up.

A woman stood on a heap of rubble, her home, and flipped through an album of family pictures.

"It all happened in an instant," she said.

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A survivor of the earthquake boiling pots of water in the city of Spitak, which was destroyed.

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# Defiant N.Y. Mayor Shoots for 4th Term

## His Rivals Sense He Is Vulnerable

By Howard Kurtz  
Washington Post Service

NEW YORK — Mayor Edward I. Koch was on his turf, fielding questions from middle-class home owners at a town meeting in the borough of Queens, when a woman dared to ask why the dozen commissioners and deputies at his side were all male.

Mr. Koch, 64, has worn out his welcome with many New Yorkers. From his attacks on the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, which angered many blacks, to his incautious remarks about the British occupation of Ireland, to his declaration that people should not give beggars money, the mayor's outspokenness has proved his worst enemy.



Mayor Koch: 'You want to go back to the old days?'

"Listen, I want to tell you, you are so unfair, it's unbelievable!" Mr. Koch bellowed into the microphone. "I have appointed more women to high positions than any mayor in history," he said, rattling off a list of names.

The Democrat who might force most rivals to the sidelines is the city's senior black official, David N. Dinkins, the Manhattan borough president. A cautious, dignified man sometimes slow to speak out on controversial issues, Mr. Dinkins, 61, has managed to reassure many white voters without diminishing his base of support.

Mr. Goldin, too, has a few weak spots. His auditors never uncovered contracting scandals he now criticizes. Also, he has been investigated several times, most recently for having helped Ivan F. Boesky, a speculator convicted of insider trading, to raise investment funds. Mr. Goldin, who was cleared of wrongdoing, said he had merely referred Mr. Boesky to friends.

Also considering the race are Ruth W. Messinger, 48, a liberal city council member from the Upper West Side; Richard Ravitch, 55, former head of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority; and Charles J. Hynes, 53, the state special prosecutor who won manslaughter convictions in the Howard Beach racial-assault case.

# Koch Seeks Corruption Inquiry Into N.Y. Schools

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Mayor Edward I. Koch, saying he now believes corruption is almost certainly rampant throughout the New York City school system, has called on Governor Mario M. Cuomo to create an independent investigative panel similar to the Knapp Commission, which exposed widespread corruption in the city's police department in the early 1970s.

# For U.S. Blacks, Shorter Lives

## Study Shows Life Expectancy Fell for 2d Straight Year

By Philip J. Hilt  
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — For the first time this century, the life expectancy of blacks in the United States has declined in two successive years, while that for whites has continued to increase, the National Center for Health Statistics has reported.

"This is serious," said Harry Rosenberg, chief of the mortality statistics branch at the center. "If you are looking for the big factors, they are homicides and accidents."

Life expectancy is a statistical calculation of how long the average person may expect to live. It has been increasing steadily since such statistics were first compiled. For example, life expectancy in the United States in 1900 was 47.6 years for whites and 33 years for other races.

# Bilingual Teaching: U.S. City to Redress Wrongs

By Susan Diesenhouse  
New York Times Service

BOSTON — With a federal court's approval, the public schools of Lowell, Massachusetts, are starting one of the most far-reaching programs of instruction and special services for students and parents in the United States whose first language is not English.

"This plan is on the cutting edge and will advance what we think of as bilingual education," said James J. Lyons, a lawyer for the National Association for Bilingual Education, an advocacy group. "It seems comprehensive enough to be a national model."

Under the Lowell agreement: The school district must try to find the hundreds who dropped out of school since 1986, when turmoil overtook a system unable to absorb a large influx of students who did not speak English. The dropouts will be offered a bilingual or standard educational program.

The federal court will monitor the plan, whose cost is estimated to be \$159,000 for this school year. The suit was filed after the city schools, pressed for space, put many pupils who did not speak English into makeshift space — like a former boiler room and a former ladies' room. Classes were often large and the age span of students great.

# Vatican Payroll Is Stolen

The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Two youths on motorbikes blocked a Vatican car near St. Peter's Square on Thursday, smashed a window and made off with a payroll of nearly \$300,000 in cash and checks, the police reported.

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**But Apartheid Continues**

After years of false starts, the Reagan administration has achieved a diplomatic triumph in southern Africa. Angola, Cuba and South Africa have at last negotiated an agreement providing independence for Namibia and a phased withdrawal of 50,000 Cuban troops from Angola.

or South-West Africa. Pretoria's mandate to rule the former German colony was revoked by the United Nations in 1966. But it had long refused to free a territory it feared would become a hostile revolutionary base.

**Implacable Budget Math**

Under current law and policy, the U.S. budget next fiscal year is likely to be about \$1,150 billion. About \$300 billion of this will be in defense, \$250 billion in Social Security and \$150 billion in interest on the debt.

most of such staples of the federal system as veterans' benefits, student aid, farm support, aid to education, highway grants, all other aid to state and local governments (a dwindling amount), the air traffic control program and the space program.

**Arafat's Three Yeses, And What Comes Now**

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — In the end, America's unrelenting pressure paid off.

Organization leader has been trying to entice the departing Reagan administration into talks with half-consciousness and phony "yesses."

The visa denial said, in no uncertain terms, that Mr. Arafat could gain the support of the rest of the world with his evasions and ambiguities, but that the United States — at least in this administration — would keep its word with the Israelis.

Two questions arise. Can Mr. Arafat be trusted? We can presume that if any terrorist acts are taken against Israelis, he will disown them and blame them on factions over which he has no control.

**OPINION**



By RAL in The Economist (London), C&W Syndicate.  
**He's got Teflon, too.**

Does this mean that the United States will now put the heat on the Israeli government to deal directly with the PLO? Not yet, implied Mr. Shultz, who was walking on eggs during his announcement.

Of course it does. Mr. Arafat knew that the key to pressuring Israel to giving up most of the West Bank was the United States, and the key to American Jewry and other supporters of Israel in the United States was an individual named George Shultz.

**This Skeptical Israeli Favors Talks With the PLO**

By Ze'ev Schiff

WASHINGTON — As an Israeli, I find it difficult to believe Yasser Arafat. Even his speech before the United Nations General Assembly in Geneva did not allay my fear.

Official Israel, however, is still unwilling to hold such contacts. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir will argue that U.S. conditions for talking to the PLO are not his conditions. Hence, though the PLO now accepts the U.S. conditions, it will make no difference to Mr. Shamir — all the more so since Mr. Shamir is prepared to offer the Palestinians a more attractive autonomy plan than that offered by Menachem Begin in the framework of the Camp David accords.

strength, and in full coordination with the United States. These factors currently exist, and I am not sure that they will be present in the future.

Israel and the PLO? It does not appear so. As announced Wednesday, there is to be a dialogue between Washington and the PLO — indeed, a first contact was made Thursday.

**Gorbachev Brought New Delhi a Dose of Hard Reality**

By S. Nihal Singh

NEW DELHI — Delhi is still reverberating from Mikhail Gorbachev's hurricane visit last month. In only a few days, he nudged the Indian-Soviet relationship out of its comfortable assumptions.

Yet I believe that the time has come for Israel to begin negotiations, which would occur in stages and in which Mr. Arafat and the Palestine Liberation Organization would have to prove their good faith at each stage (bearing in mind that the PLO signed tens of cease-fire agreements with the Christians in the Lebanese civil war and that not one of these agreements was kept for long).

venture in Afghanistan, particularly the strengthened military relationship between Islamabad and Washington.

**Gandhi's Beijing Visit Offers Great Opportunity for Change**

By Sailesh Kottary

NEW DELHI — Rajiv Gandhi's visit to China on Monday will be more than just another foreign jaunt by an Indian prime minister who has already visited more than 40 countries since taking office in 1984.

defense scandals and his largely lackluster performance in office. Even if progress on the border dispute eludes him, as seems likely, he surely will return home with a stack of trade and cultural codicils under his arm.

The relationship with Moscow, of course, will always be important. As Jawaharlal Nehru said, the Soviet Union is the superpower on India's doorstep. And the trade and arms relationship has benefited both sides.



By SELA KAMRAN

helped India temper the Chinese challenge by providing vast military assistance. New Delhi now fears that a Soviet-Pakistan rapprochement, made possible by the pullout from Afghanistan, might undercut India's relations with the Kremlin.

**Philippines: The Tangle Is Growing**

By James Chace

NEW YORK — The guerrilla war in the Philippines threatens the stability of the government and poses a threat to the U.S. military installations that could yet provoke an American military response.

**Economic disaster is nurturing insurgency**

strengthen the influence and power of the military but it drains the deeply troubled Philippine economy.

While there is talk of a new "Marshall Plan" for the Philippines that could total \$5 billion to \$10 billion in U.S. aid and contributions by Japan, other Asian nations and West European countries, economic aid is no solution.

**The Iron Triangle**

The writer, defense editor for the Israeli daily Ha'aretz, is the Korea Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. He contributed this comment to the Los Angeles Times.

**100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO**

**1888: Stanley Imperiled?**  
WESTMINSTER — The skeleton at the feast is with us, and means to stay. Once more it comes from the banks of the River Nile. There is little room for doubt that the news communicated by Osman Digma is substantially correct, and that Emin Bey and Mr. Stanley, or, were, in the hands of the Mahdi at Khartoum.

**1938: Hobo King to Sue**  
PARIS — The "King of the Thune," unofficial but undisputed chief of Paris's 18,000 hobos, or "clochards," is planning to sue Michel Simon, the French film star, for libel, he told Paris reporters yesterday (Dec. 15). The doctored object to Mr. Simon's creation of the role of Clo-Clo in the picture "Belle Etoile." Back when the film was still in production, M. Simon made several unflattering remarks about the "cloche," as the fraternity is called, accusing them of being a lot of "do not know what sort of public malefactors and incorrigible parasites," the king alleges. He also observed that Clo-Clo's costume was not genuine clochard apparel. He has placed his case in the hands of a lawyer.

**1913: 'Dictator' Villa**  
NEW YORK — A telegram from El Paso states that from the accounts of American, German and Spanish refugees, Pancho Villa is virtually dictator of Chihuahua. He has seized \$5,000,000 worth of property of foreigners. He has executed twenty

The writer, director of the Program on International Affairs and the Media at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, is writing a study of U.S. policy toward Asia. This is from a longer article in Foreign Affairs.

**Works in U.K. Falling**  
The national art treasures are being transferred because of a report that the parliament, according to a report from the National Audit Office, is to be particularly disturbing to the national museums and galleries. The report, based on an earlier study of the National Audit Office, said that the museums were in "excessively poor" condition and that about 100,000 books were in need of urgent treatment to prevent them from being lost to the public. The British Museum is also suggested that it should consider disposing of objects

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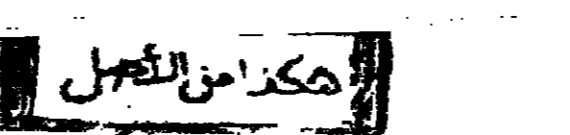
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OPINION

She Fears for Her Daughter And So Has Gone to Prison

By Anthony Lewis

WASHINGTON — Dr. Elizabeth Morgan is a leading plastic surgeon in Washington. Or was. For the past 16 months she has been a prisoner in the District of Columbia jail.

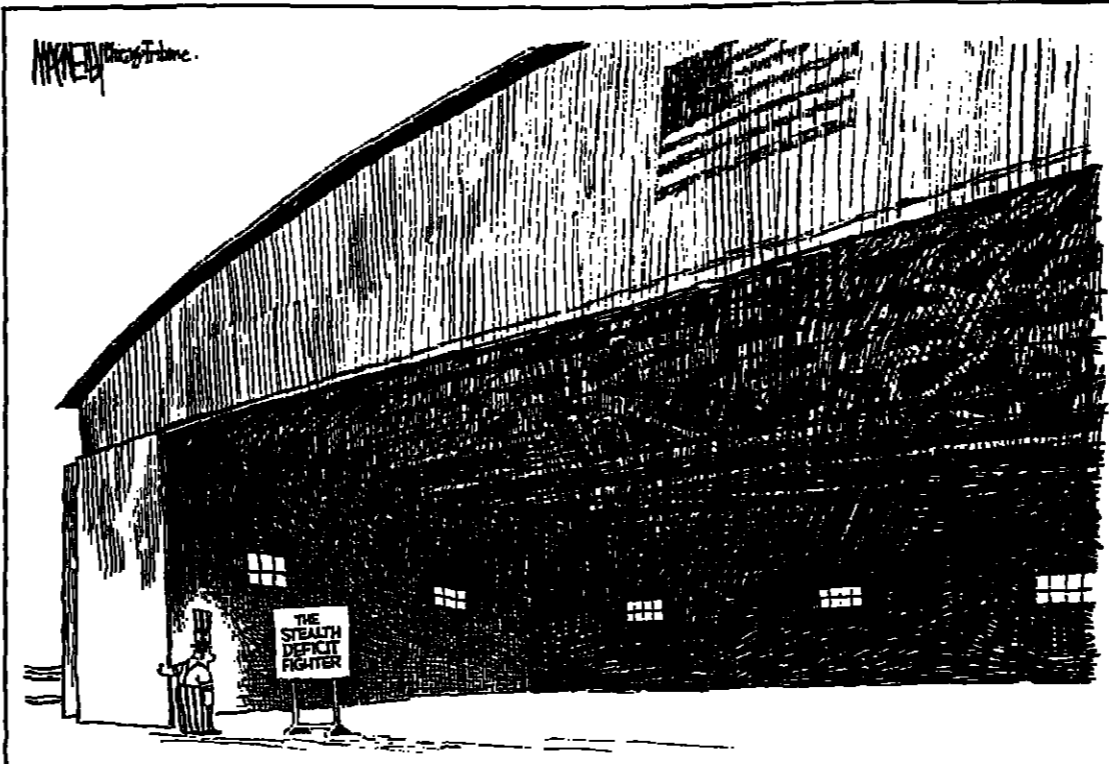
Dr. Morgan has not been convicted of any crime. She is in jail for civil contempt of a court order that she turn her daughter, Hilary, now 6, over to her ex-husband for unsupervised visits.

The 'Iron Triangle'

THE old sheriff, as Ronald Reagan has described himself, is riding into the sunset aglow with self-contentment. What means the happy ending, alas, are those mountains of deficits.

German History Lessons

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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So Why Is Dust Something To Get Stirred Up About?

By Ivor Smullen

LONDON — Over in Cologne there is a fellow named Joachim Ronneper who collects dust. His lodgings, apparently, are literally stockpiled with it. The stuff is sealed in plastic packets, and his ambition is to exhibit it, in all its grimy varieties, in a European museum.

MEANWHILE

Mr. Ronneper has been sending his packets to museums in East and West Germany, Britain, the Netherlands, Austria and Switzerland, asking: "Please tip some dust inside and return."

find it hard to contradict that statement. Dust, for a start, is an inescapable fact of nature that we would miss if it were not around. The gas clouds from which stars are born are thick with dust.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

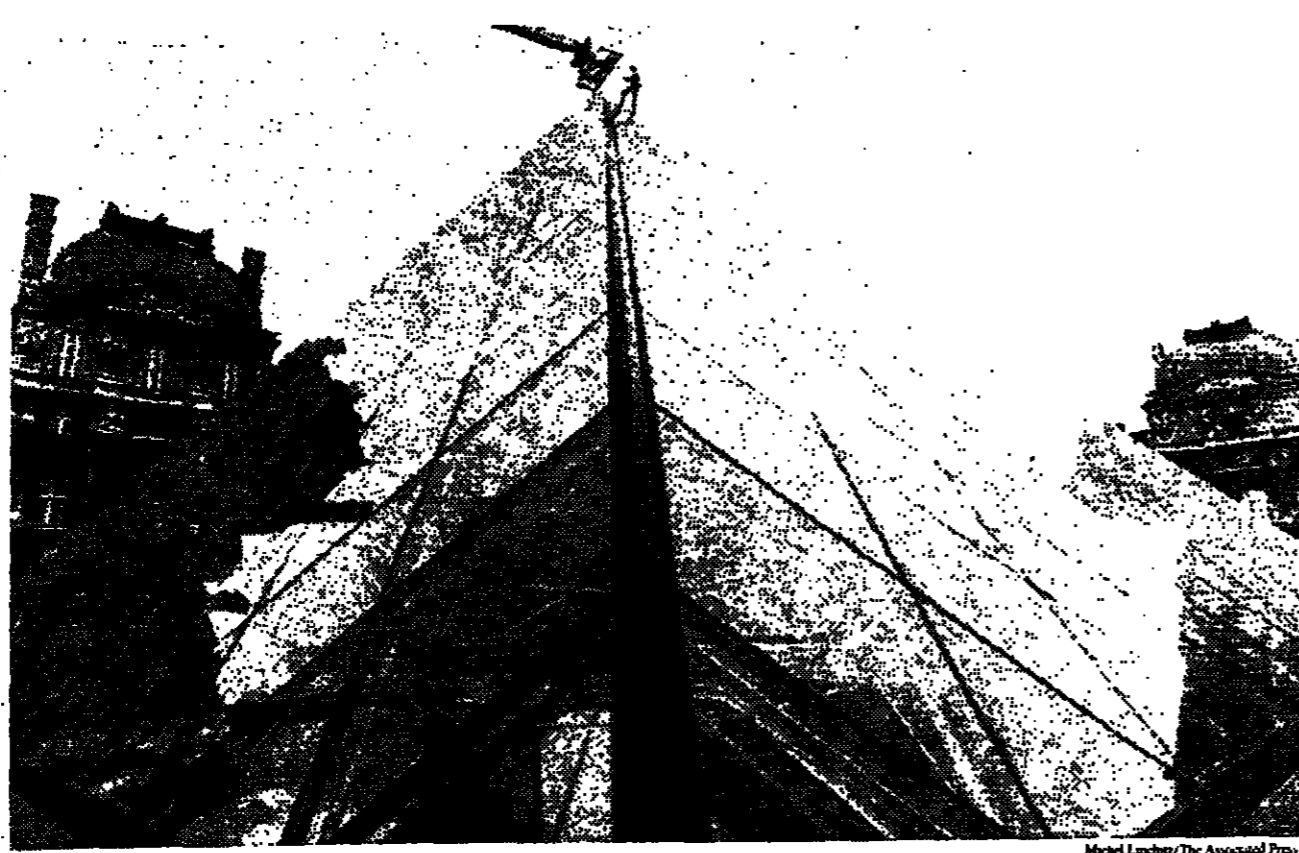
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There Is a Greater Judge

"Why they're picking on Ben Johnson, the Fastest Scapegoat in the World" (Opinion, Oct. 21) by Norman Fost, contained many fine words for reflection. I was immediately reminded of America's late dean of sportswriters, Grantland Rice, who, years ago, wrote the now famous lines: "When the One Great Scorer comes to write against your name, he marks — not that you won or lost — but how you played the game."

GENERAL NEWS



THE GLASSY HEIGHTS — A French alpinist on the Louvre pyramid in Paris during cleaning work on the disputed museum addition in the Cour Napoleon. The museum will be closed for about a month from Feb. 22 until work is finished on underground bookshops, restaurants and boutiques. The pyramid, designed by I.M. Pei, will serve as the entrance to the underground complex.

EUROPEAN TOPICS

Artworks in U.K. Falling Apart Britain's national art treasures are facing serious deterioration because of poor storage and conservation, according to a report by an all-party parliamentary committee. It said the backlog of conservation work at the British Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum was "particularly disturbing," and that other national museums and galleries were likely to have the same problems.

Cologne at Odds With Rome

Pope John Paul II appears to be on collision course with West German state government and local Roman Catholic church officials over his insistence on appointing someone of his own choice as archbishop of the archdiocese of Cologne.

Around Europe

Swedes who volunteered to go to Armenia's earthquake zone with their rescue dogs have been notified that their dogs will have to go into quarantine when they return home, according to the national news agency TT.

Advertisement for Cartier watches. It features a large, detailed image of a Cartier Pasha de Cartier watch with a leather strap. The text includes the brand name 'Pasha de Cartier' and 'THE ULTIMATE WATCH'. At the bottom, it lists major cities: 'PARIS - LONDON - NEW YORK MONTE-CARLO - GENEVA - MILAN AND ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY CARTIER STORES IN MAJOR CITIES WORLDWIDE.' The name 'Systke Looijen' is also visible at the bottom.

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THE U.S. MOVE TOWARD THE PLO: A veteran American diplomat is the contact in a sensitive new opening.

Reaction From Jews In the U.S. Is Cautious

By Celestine Bohlen
NEW YORK — Leaders of several major American Jewish organizations have taken a cautious view of the decision by the United States to pursue a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization.



An Israeli policeman confiscating posters showing the Israeli and Palestinian flags with the words 'Israeli-Palestinian Peace' in Hebrew. Six Israelis were arrested near the prime minister's residence.

OPINION: Arabs and Europeans Hail U.S. Decision

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The Soviet Union, Britain, Italy, France and Japan were among nations joining Arab states in expressing pleasure at the U.S. move, news agencies reported.

U.S. Statement: The PLO Met All Conditions

WASHINGTON — Following is the text of the statement by President Ronald Reagan concerning talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Vietnam Gives U.S. Unit Suspected GI Remains

BANGKOK — Vietnam gave a U.S. military team on Thursday 38 sets of suspected remains of missing American servicemen in the largest such repatriation since the Vietnam War ended.

Bush Backs Reagan on PLO

WASHINGTON — President-elect George Bush said Thursday that he supported President Ronald Reagan's decision to begin talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization, but he cautioned, "Let's see how things evolve."

ISRAEL: Standing Alone on PLO

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change would be "a short, passing phase." Mr. Pickering met both Mr. Shamir and Mr. Peres on Thursday, and an official familiar with the talks said that Mr. Shamir had stressed his anger and disappointment while Mr. Peres had reassured Mr. Pickering that Israel's relationship with the United States should not change because of this.

Sweden Claims Credit for Breakthrough

STOCKHOLM — Swedish officials said Thursday that they had played the key role in mediation that led the United States to drop its ban on direct talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

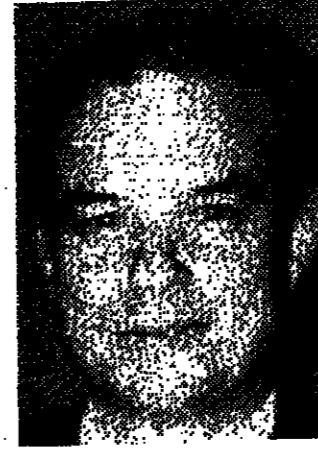
SPITAK: The Survivors Live the Death in an Entombed Armenian Town

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said, "A noise, a terrible swaying, and then there was no one." All she salvaged from the debris were her pictures and, strangely, a pair of high-heeled shoes.

U.S. Envoy Has Wide Mideast Contacts

By Andrew Rosenthal
WASHINGTON — When Secretary of State George P. Shultz picked Robert H. Pelletreau Jr. as the sole authorized contact between the United States and the Palestine Liberation Organization, it was not the first time that the 26-year Foreign Service veteran had been called on for a highly sensitive mission.

state for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs from 1983 to 1985. Mr. Pelletreau was involved in trying to arrange an international conference on the Middle East and determining the proper representation for the Palestinians in such a conference.



Robert H. Pelletreau Jr.

Yale University in 1957 and served with the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1957 to 1958.

for one year as an associate in the law firm of Chadbourne, Park White & Wolf in Manhattan. Since joining the Foreign Service in 1962, Mr. Pelletreau has served in Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania, Lebanon, Jordan, Bahrain, Tunisia and Syria.

PLO: U.S. in Contact

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prise announcement Wednesday night began Dec. 2, when the United States notified that Mr. Arafat would visit Stockholm on Dec. 6 and 7 and would reply clearly to the U.S. conditions for opening a dialogue.

Diplomatic Landmarks Of the Reagan Years

- 1983: NATO deployment of theater nuclear forces in Europe.
1986-88: Steps toward democratic government in the Philippines, Argentina, South Korea and Chile.
1987: INF Treaty eliminating U.S. and Soviet intermediate-range missiles.
1987: Western naval protection of Gulf shipping.
1988: Soviet Union's announcement of military withdrawal from Afghanistan.
1988: U.S.-Canada agreement on a free-trade area.
1988: Cease-fire in the Iran-Iraq war.
1988: Agreement on the independence of Namibia and withdrawal of Cuban forces from Angola.
1988: Recognition of Israel by the Palestine Liberation Organization and the PLO's rejection of terrorism.

Major Unresolved Issues

- Stability in Central America.
START negotiations on intercontinental nuclear missiles.
Re-establishment of effective government in Lebanon.
Third World debt.
Progress in multilateral trade talks under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

ASSESS: Heat on Israelis

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quest Nov. 26, citing Mr. Arafat's "terrorist connections" — would have to be considered "on its own merits" with no certainty of a change in U.S. policy.

2 Resolutions Passed by UN

GENEVA — The United Nations General Assembly ended its three-day session here Thursday by adopting two resolutions on the Middle East. Both were opposed by Israel and the United States.

Comments Riot in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO — Commentators enraged over a delay in train service rioted Wednesday, damaging five trains and three suburban stations, the police in Rio de Janeiro said.

ARMY: Soviet Officers Express Unease on Troop Cuts

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undertaken in the early 1960s under the leadership of Nikita S. Khrushchev, but was reversed after he was overthrown in 1964.

The upheavals in the officers' corps that occurred under Mr. Khrushchev were cited as an object lesson in how not to proceed this time.

At a press conference on Thursday, Viktor P. Karpov, the head of the Foreign Ministry's arms control department, reiterated that Marshal Akhromyev's retirement was unrelated to the planned troop reductions.



Mikhail A. Moiseyev

1939. The newspaper quoted the head of the military training directorate, General A. Davydov, as predicting that the cutbacks would allow full-time students to be exempted from the usual two years of military service.

Other rescue workers, from Italy and the Netherlands, agreed that it was too soon to leave and destroy the town. But they also said that after a week, it was a "miracle" whenever anyone was found alive.

"The organization here is just total chaos," said Paul Newton, a British welder who volunteered to help in the rescue. "There are lots of bulldozers, but no one knows what to do with them."

"I've been working here for six months on a British project," he added, "and I've found one thing: that these are the most lovable people that you could find anywhere."

Orphans of the Armenia disaster going through donated clothes at a center in the capital, Yerevan.

Advertisement for BHP Gold, Ford, and other products.

East Contacts

for one year as an associate law firm of Chalmers, White & Wolf in New York. Since joining the firm in 1962, Mr. Felleureau has worked in Algeria, Morocco, Lebanon, Jordan, Bahrain, and Syria.

From 1980 to 1981, he was in the Pentagon, where he was assistant secretary of state for Near East and South Asia. From 1981 to 1982, he was director for Arab Affairs at the State Department, followed by two years as assistant secretary of state for Eastern and South Asia.

He was nominated by President Bush to be ambassador to Tunisia in March 1987.

Mr. Felleureau is a former member of the National Security Council staff in the George Washington Hotel. They have three children.

ASSESS: Heat on Israel

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just Nov. 26, citing Mr. Radman's "unimpaired connections" with "several elements" with no connection in U.S. policy.

Yet even Mr. Radman predicted that things would be the same in the Middle East process and that the absence of the U.S.-PLO dialogue after discussing terms of the peace process.

"This dialogue is not essential," he said, adding that it "could be a contribution to the peace process."

Mr. Radman said he had no idea what would happen after the Israeli election in 1988, over on Jan. 21. He expected "there might be a face-to-face meeting between the PLO and the Israelis on the importance of the peace process."

Mr. Arfa said he was ready for any eventuality. It appears that the administration's stance is to persuade Israel to accept the peace process. Mr. Arfa said he had been invited to meet with the PLO.

Mr. Radman said that the issue of Israel's PLO membership "has been discussed" but he did not say whether he was talking.

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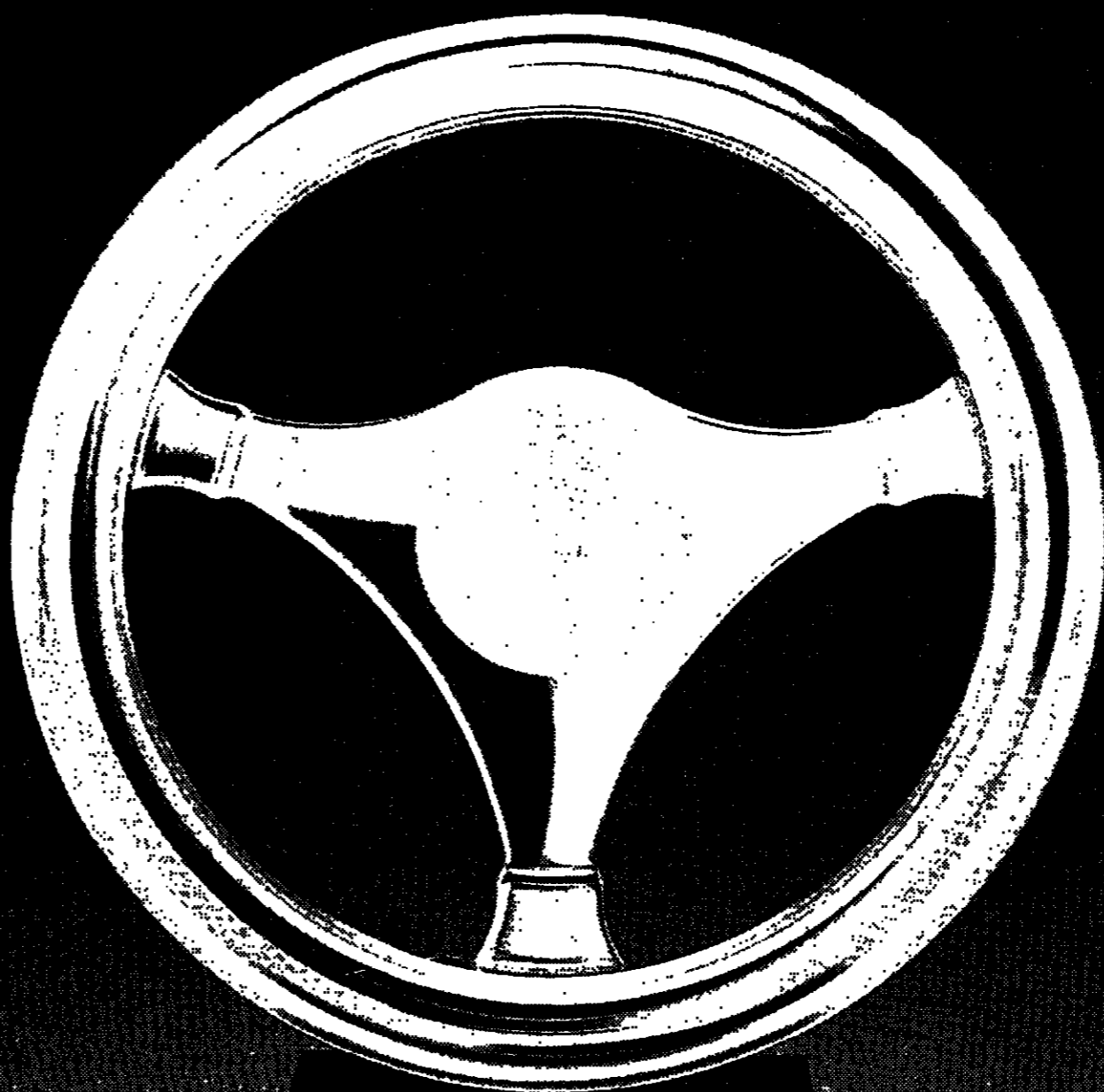
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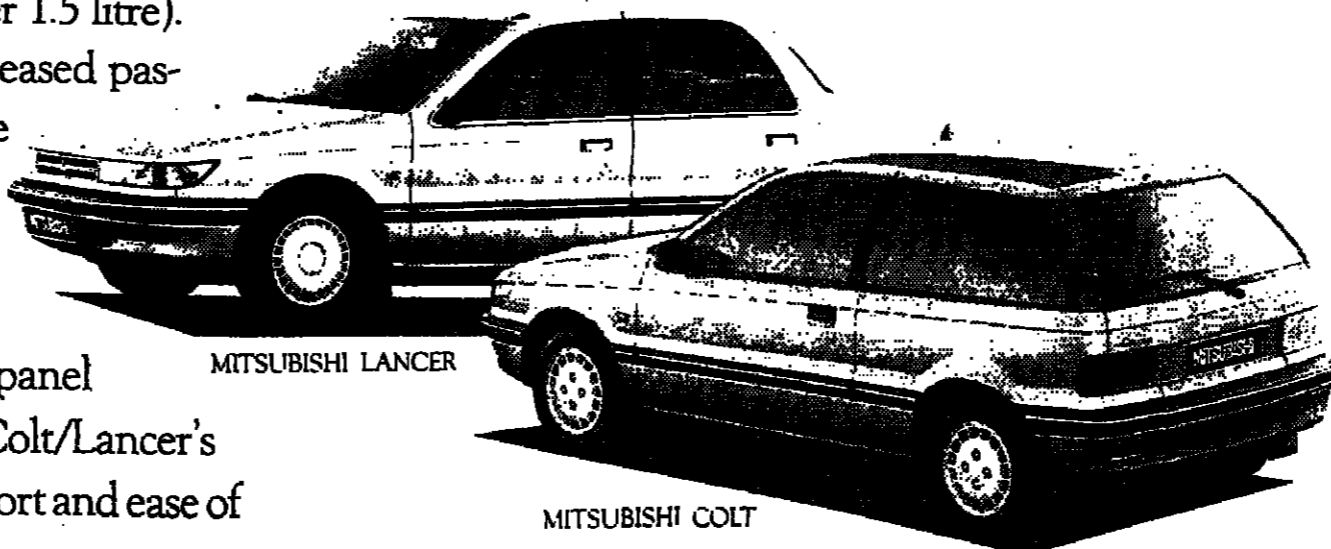
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Rate Fears Send NYSE Lower

United Press International NEW YORK — Prices ended lower on the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday in quiet trading, pressured by mounting concern about the outlook for interest rates.

The Fed has all the reasons it needs to raise the discount rate, said Hugh Johnson, head of the investment policy committee at First Albany Corp. in Albany, New York.

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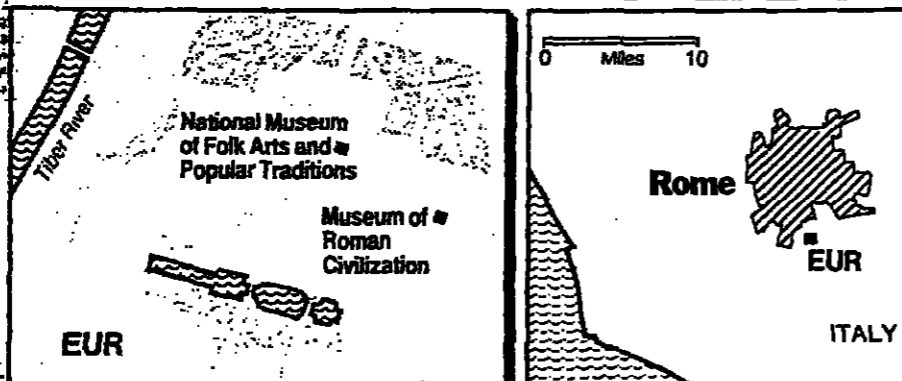
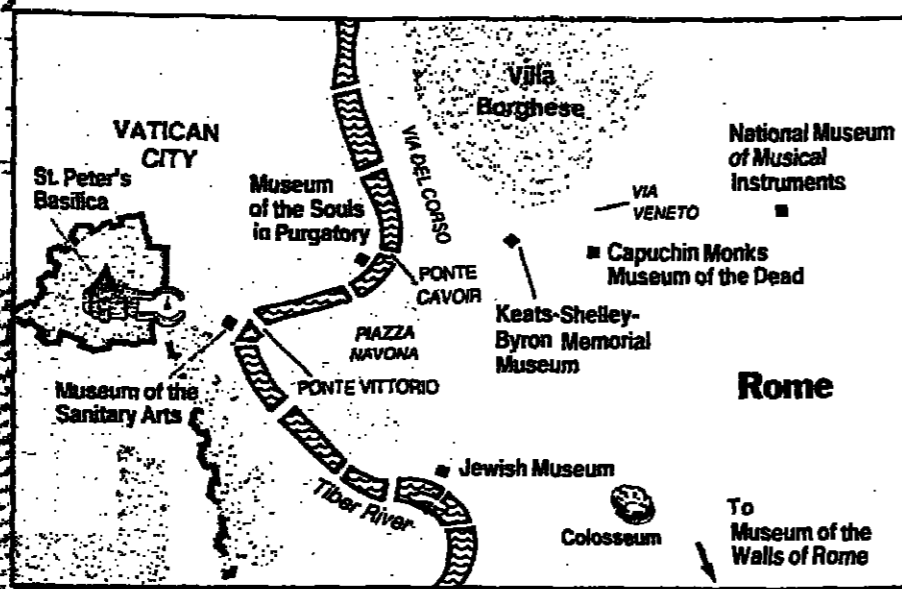
Advertisement for TRAVEL Caribbean Festival.



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A map is essential to see the smaller museums that are off-the-beaten track in Rome, but they reward the visitor with curiosities such as plaster cast busts of Romans, musical instruments and the house where John Keats died.

## The Small Museums of Rome

by Louis Inturrisi

ROME — They are sometimes more than a little time-consuming to find, and their opening and closing hours are as mysterious and erratic as the Roman weather in spring. Nevertheless, the less-publicized, out-of-the-way museums of Rome can provide the persistent visitor with such exquisite novelties as chandeliers made from monks' bones, locks of hair from the great Romantic poets and handprints from the souls in purgatory.

Moreover, unlike their more celebrated big sisters, the minor museums in Rome are often free or charge nominal entrance fees; nonetheless, they still tend to be fairly empty, even during April, July and August when the tourist traffic is at its heaviest.

Popular Traditions, in the EUR (Esposizione Universale di Roma) suburb of Rome (about a 20-minute subway ride from the center of town), documents the life of the regional groups that make up Italy and its islands. A collection of 750 regional costumes and a room that illustrates popular regional festivals, such as the Holy Week pageants in Sicily and the Palio horse races in Siena, record the rich and often overlooked variety of the various ethnic groups. There are also exhibits of the popular arts, including pottery from all the major kilns, as well as descriptions of local games and other forms of popular entertainment.

National Museum of Folk Art and Popular Traditions, 10 Piazza Marconi, EUR; telephone 591-1848. Open Monday to Saturday from 9 A.M. to 7 P.M.; Sundays and holidays 9 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. B Line of the metro to EUR Marconi.

The Museum of Roman Civilization is also in EUR, and it has a collection of models and reproductions that illustrate the history and civilization of the city from its origins up to the sixth century. An enormous plastic model of how Rome looked in the fourth century is the star of the show. It includes scale models of the Forum, the Colosseum and the Pantheon as they stood in the Augustan era when Rome was the center of the known world and a city adorned in marble and gold.

Reconstructions give visitors a good idea of what Roman aqueducts, bathhouses and private dwellings looked like before they became familiar ruins.

Museum of Roman Civilization, 10 Piazza

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## It's Still La Coupole, Sort of

PARIS — Renovate. Rejuvenate. Update. Preserve. That's the bible according to Jean-Paul Bucher and his Groupe Flo, which now includes La Coupole, the newly reopened landmark-status 1920s brasserie that has just been propelled into the modern age.

The immense, 600-seat establishment, which officially reopened last Friday after an extensive, eight-month make-over, is already serving its famous oysters, lamb curry,

celona, with Japan to come, or the Flo Prestige luxury food boutiques.

Yet despite La Coupole's 20-million-franc (\$3.3 million) restoration, it is likely that the casual diner will hardly spot the changes.

The spacious terrace still sports those familiar other and red wicker café chairs. The

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and fried whiting to some 1,500 people a day. Yet the ghosts of its legendary habitués — Americans and other expatriates, the Cubists, Surrealists and other Montparnasse artists — remain.

La Coupole is now the largest brasserie in the Flo group, a highly successful and ever-expanding restaurant empire that includes five other brasseries in Paris — Flo, Julien, Vaudeville, Terminus Nord and Le Boeuf sur le Toit — all large, restored Art Deco or Art Nouveau monuments. They serve 1.25 million meals each year in Paris alone. With the addition of La Coupole, purchased from the original owner this year, the total could jump close to 2 million. That does not count brasseries in other French cities and in Bar-

naked lady still graces the Coupole's dinnerware. The crowd that fills the single-level dining room remains as diverse and as democratic as ever. And twice each day on weekends, La Coupole is still transformed into a dance hall, in memory of the days when a live orchestra encouraged shop clerks and siglets to waltz and tango away the afternoon. And the food still arrives slowly, very slowly, and it's usually lukewarm.

But for habitués and those who love Paris

for its well-worn, traditional qualities, the modern, sanitized Coupole will never be the same. We may want to change ourselves, but feel more secure when our institutions remain the same, like faithful old friends.

The new Coupole is showing us that the definition of full-service restaurant means more than a three-course meal. Where regular clients once had mail slots at La Coupole, they will now be able to telefax their messages around the world. Breakfast — not the simple croissant and café au lait, but a full-fledged American-style, all-you-can-eat buffet — is now served from 7:30 to 10:30 each morning. Along with their sumptuous petit déjeuner, guests will be offered secretarial services, access to telefax and photocopying machines, and cordless telephones at the table.

Gastronomically, La Coupole never made a pretense of being a great restaurant, and it still isn't. Even Bucher, an expert at volume feeding, will have a hard time serving quality fare to such numbers.

Although the restaurant was at one time awarded a Michelin star, this was later revoked without fanfare. Oysters and giant round platters of raw and cooked fish and shellfish — the traditional plateau de fruits

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## TRAVELER'S CHOICE

### Caribbean Festival Costumes



Costumes of Caribbean festivals — still dancers, Indians, giant bats (one of them pictured here) and other figures — are on view until Feb. 19 at the St. Louis Art Museum. The "Caribbean Festival Arts" exhibition presents 36 costumes, some as tall as 16 feet (5 meters). The costumes are shown on manne-

quins (with hands and faces cast from life) and accompanied by video and slide presentations, large photo murals and taped music. The show moves on to Washington, Brooklyn, Seattle and Toronto.

### New Rules for Visiting Mount Ararat

The Turkish government has issued new rules for visiting Mount Ararat. It has never been easy to visit this 17,000-foot mountain, the traditional resting place of Noah's Ark. The peak is constantly covered with snow and ice and is dangerous to climb in bad weather. Furthermore, the mountain is in a sensitive area of eastern Turkey, just a few miles from Soviet Armenia. In the past, the Soviets have protested to Turkish authorities about climbers they suspected of being intelligence gatherers. According to an advisory released by the Turkish Embassy in Washington: All climbers need written authorization. Applications should be submitted three months in advance. Travelers engaged in research or filming must state their subject, and tourists should say whether they are going for sport or sightseeing. Individual climbers or groups must be accompanied by a guide licensed by the Turkish Federation of Mountain Sports. A list of guides may be obtained from the Turkish Ministry of Tourism. Aside from cameras, amateur video cameras

and radios, more sophisticated equipment must be listed on the application, including infra-red or seismic equipment or binoculars with distance measurement features.

### Peru Archaeological Site Will Be Opened

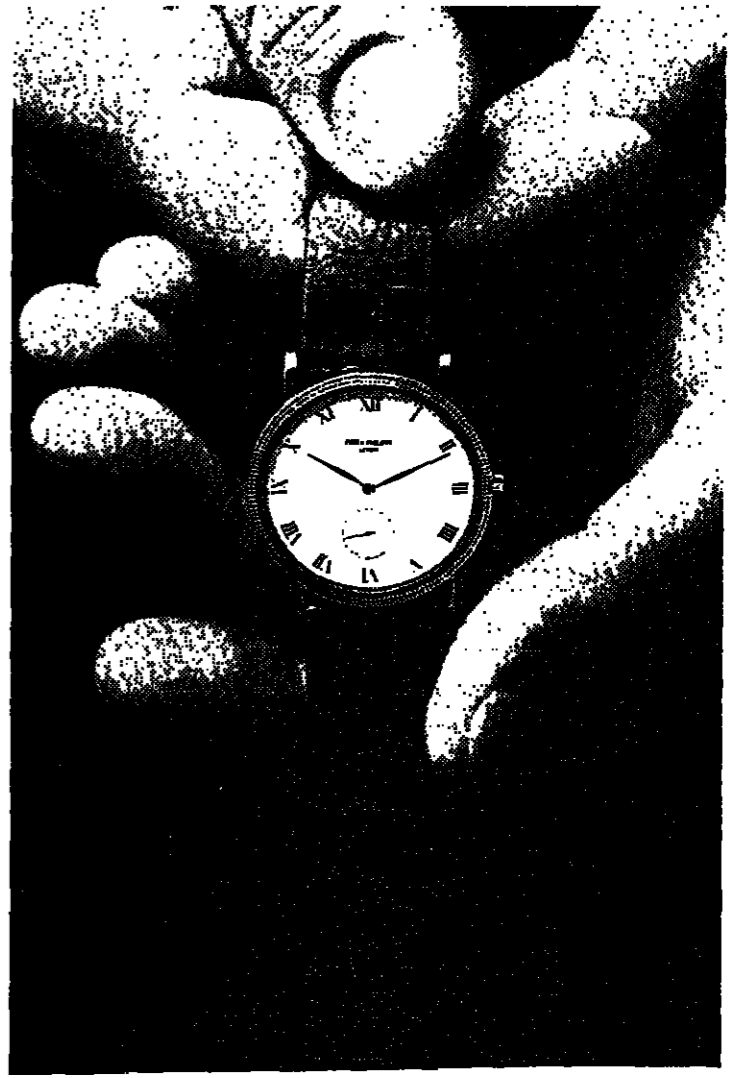
Within a year tourists should be able to visit the recently discovered cache of pre-Columbian artifacts in Peru near a coastal village just south of the Equator, according to airline and tourism officials. Looted artifacts led to the discovery outside the village of Sipan of a 1,500-year-old tomb of a high-ranking warrior priest of the pre-Inca Moché people. Archaeologists have called the tomb the richest cache of pre-Columbian artifacts ever excavated in the Americas, ranking the find in importance with the discovery of King Tutankhamen's tomb in Egypt. Unearthed so far have been such treasures as a two-foot-wide solid gold crown, strands of peanut-shaped gold and silver beads, a ceremonial rattle made of hammered sheet gold and a pure-gold warrior's shield weighing nearly two pounds. Visitors will be able to see the tomb and the ongoing dig there. How and where to display the finds has not been decided.

### Air Discounts for Older Passengers

Three airlines have announced fare discounts for older travelers. Northwest has begun 10 percent reductions on domestic fares for passengers 62 or older and for a companion, regardless of age. The savings apply to almost all fares, including discounted fares. Proof of age must be presented at time of ticketing. Delta also began, on the first of this month, a 10 percent discount on U.S. domestic fares for those 62 and older and a companion of any age. These Young at Heart fares, as they are called, apply to most fare levels, including the deeply discounted Instant Saver fares. British Airways on Jan. 1 will start a discount program for people over 60 traveling between the United States and Britain. Fare discounts for people who have registered for the plan — proof of age required — will range from 10 to 30 percent, depending on the type of travel and the day of the week. A companion over 50 on the same itinerary may receive the same discounts. Special check-in facilities will also be provided.

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THE FREQUENT TRAVELER

Fare Bargains Fewer, Smaller And Harder to Find in U.S.

by Agis Salpukas

NEW YORK — The good news: Despite the recent major tightening of the U.S. airline fare structure, there are still a limited number of low fares available for those who must travel on short notice. The bad news: These fares are much fewer in number, are generally on the smaller carriers such as Braniff Airways and Midway and are not always easy for travel agents to find in their computer systems.

Travelers in the United States will therefore have to press their agents to seek out the most advantageous fares. Business travelers will be the hardest hit by the new fare structure, which went into effect Nov. 22. Lower fares will still be available to people traveling for pleasure, but they will have to be much more flexible in their plans and be willing to put up with more inconveniences, such as making a stopover and changing planes at a hub or flying at off-peak periods.

There are travelers who will continue to take advantage of the airlines' eccentric pricing structure in ways that the airlines say violates their rules. One way, for instance, is to use what in airline parlance is called the "hidden city" strategy. A traveler buys a ticket to a destination beyond the hub city, when in fact the traveler wants to end the journey at the hub itself.

Eilat: An Israeli Resort Far From the Headlines

by Joel Brinkley

EILAT, Israel — Eilat is to Israel what Key West is to the United States — a hot, lazy, bohemian and (to be honest) tawdry little resort town at the nation's southern tip, physically and emotionally far removed from the commotion to the north.

IN the winter, when temperatures are typically in the 80s and Eilat has a climate that is a bit chillier than that of winter in Miami, the resort is populated by Western Europeans. Five or six charter flights a day arrive from West Germany, Austria, Britain, Switzerland and Scandinavia. Most of them come to Eilat and disregard the rest of Israel to the north — Mayor Hochman's advertising campaign in action.

Sea, the sea laps gently at the piling, the water so clean and clear the visitor can watch schools of tropical fish dart around. On either shore of the Gulf of Aqaba, craggy granite and sandstone mountains tumble down to the water's edge. Since it hardly ever rains in Eilat — maybe five or six showers a year — time has not worn away the peaks' rough edges.



On the beach at Eilat.

Hikes and horseback rides — any tourist hotel in town can make arrangements for either — are better taken by winter visitors. In the summertime the heat is so intense that hiking is not just uncomfortable, for some people it's unsafe.

As long as the matter has been under negotiation, there have been low-level tensions along the border. The Sonesta is the only five-star hotel in the area under Israel's rating system. There are several rated one notch lower. Among the best are King Solomon's Palace, the Moriah Eilat and the Neptune.

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ROYAL MONCEAU GROUP advertisement. Features descriptions of various hotels and restaurants, including 'The Taste of Excellence' and 'Hotel Miramar'.

Small Rome Museums advertisement. Continued from page 9. Lists various museums in Rome such as the Keats-Shelley-Byron Memorial Museum, the Capuchin Monks Museum, and the National Museum of Musical Instruments.

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The Paradores Of Puerto Rico

by Patti Hagan

NOT long ago, I came across Raul Julia, smiling, seated in a four-color ad between a tropical veranda and the deep blue sea, and inviting me to "Discover the Paradores of Puerto Rico — a beautiful escape from civilization."

door-to-paradise return to nature, La Ruta Panorámica is the only way. It passes through 4 of the 14 forests under the protection of the Puerto Rico Department of Natural Resources.

I had been told by someone at the tourism company that the government-sponsored paradores network began in 1973 and were modeled on the program in Spain. Puerto Rico lacks castles but it does have two coffee haciendas. One that I checked out, the Parador Hacienda Gripiñas, has occupied a hillfold near Jayuya, at the center of the island, for 200 years.

The Gripiñas kitchen is counted among Puerto Rico's gastronomic inns, though it's seemingly impossible to get either fresh fruit or fresh fruit juice there. Save yourself for the restaurant El Dujo on the other side of Jayuya, a Mesón Gastronómico of a higher order. El Dujo is the place for fine Puerto Rican food: from crisp tostones (deep-fried green plantain), mofongo (a green plantain dish), to asopao (rice stew with chicken), to shrimp or lobster a la Criolla and extraordinary dessert flans of passionfruit or orange.

The general manager of the Paradores Puertorriqueños, Luis Alvarez, has said that each parador "must be situated in a historic place or a site of exceptional scenic beauty and must meet our demanding criteria. However, it is sometimes difficult for the parador-seeking traveler to divine exactly what the criteria might be and if, indeed, the tourism company is uniformly demanding of its official paradors. For instance, after studying the brochure, I was fairly enchanted by the idea of putting up at the 200-year-old mansion that is the Parador Oasis in the Spanish Colonial Gothic town of San Germán. I was prepared for an inn as cute and quaint and pastel as the town — not McDonald's. But this parador has been brought relentlessly up to date.

PEOPLE visit San Germán to soak up the atmosphere and character of a 16th-century Spanish colonial town, not dime-store modernity. Who, and by what criteria index, allowed the Parador Oasis to go so wrong? After all, according to the official standards outlined for paradores, architectural quality must be in keeping with the area.

Puerto Rico's nonparador nonpareil is Mary Lee's by the Sea at Guánica. Mary Lee's offers seven peaceable hideaways — Pacifica, Alegre, Contenta, Tranquilla, Serena, Encanto, Placida — each casa fully equipped with kitchen and decorated in a light, bright, all-natural, all-cotton Mediterranean Marimekko spirit. There are patios and gardens and docks on the mangroves out front, where the Caribbean breaks over coral reefs and mangrove islands. Immediately north of Mary Lee's is the Guánica Forest Reserve, a dry forest that is the island's bird-rich habitat. Along with the Caribbean National Forest, Guánica is a UNESCO-designated International Biosphere Reserve, the two being protected samples of major ecosystem types.

Just east of Mary Lee's, even the beach-oblivious are stopped dead by Whale Bay. The Bahía de la Ballena has a white sand beach in a near-perfect, horizontal, catenary curve. Its waters shade out like a chart of paint chips, every imaginable turn of aquamarine. Back of the sands, coconut palms hula in the breeze, and there are no people. I am told this is a turtle-nesting beach. Puerto Rico reported earlier this year that Club Med has a \$22-million plan for 300 nests here, too. Because the government has failed to acquire this land for the Guánica Forest Reserve, it is in peril of becoming an International Biosphere Reserve that is unique by reason of a Club Med ecosystem.

And should you decide to see the night through at the dining table, Lucy will prepare a thermos of espresso con leche, and leave you to hear and see the other night creatures; the giant fireflies cruising about with green glowing headlamps, the bats whining into the wimple eaves, the Puerto Rican screech owl screaming mimis in the night.

THERE are two ways to go west in Puerto Rico — the high-speed, straight-away route of the autopistas and the low-speed, high-scenic Ruta Panorámica — 165 miles of mountain road the length of the Cordillera Central. For a para-

Fake Thai Art Is a Booming Art Form

by William Warren

FIRST you wear down the sharp angles, maybe chip them a little. Then you soak it in sulfuric acid, to give the stone some nice pits. Finally you put the piece in another kind of acid that makes it darker, older looking. Some people also bury it for a while, but that's not really necessary except for buyers who feel safer with a little dirt."

The slim young Thai, who prefers to remain nameless, spoke with authority, as well he should. He is one of the most proficient producers of fake Khmer statuary in Thailand today, and samples of his handiwork turn up regularly in auctions of Asian art and private collections, having passed the scrutiny of experts just as easily as they would the far less practiced eye of ordinary antique shoppers in Bangkok.

He is by no means the most prolific, however. He carves only two or three figures — usually heads and torsos of gods and goddesses — a month, while other less discriminating craftsmen turn out dozens, carefully modeled after photographs of the real thing in books of Khmer art.

The results can be seen in Bangkok (and a few Chiangmai) antique shops, sometimes frankly labeled as fakes but just as often not. A couple of years ago the young man sold one of his torsos to a dealer here for \$12,000, shortly afterward it went to a Singapore collector for \$32,000, along with assurances that it was a genuine 12th-century figure of the goddess Uma.

So widespread has faking become, with such persuasive results, that when Nancy Hook, an associate curator of the San Francisco Asian Art Museum, recently went to Thailand, faking was one of the areas she specifically studied. She found the fakes "very convincing."

Stone is not the only medium used for what some Bangkok dealers refer to as "new antiques." Chiangmai is a well-known source of magnificent bronze patina (achieved by covering the pieces with ammonium nitrate for a spell) and authentic-looking to the last iconographic detail. Woodcarvers, also mainly in the north, have learned how to weather Burmese-style figures to a satiny gray finish that even a trained eye is apt to accept. Specialists in traditional Thai painting, ceramics and terra cotta display a remarkable skill at giving their creations a convincingly ancient appearance that multiplies their market price.

"In five years," says the Khmer specialist, "there won't be any more genuine first-class antiques for sale in Thailand."

SHOULD this state of affairs actually come to pass, it would be a source of pleasure and relief to the Thai Fine Arts Department, which has long fought to keep the nation's treasures at home. Legally, even "new antiques" require official permission before being exported — and local customs officials are particularly difficult about any Buddha image, new or old — but it is hardly a secret that some dealers have discovered ways to get around the regulations.

At present the issue is a matter of considerable public interest thanks to a storm of protest that raged recently over a Khmer lintel that mysteriously vanished from a northeastern temple back in the '60s and reappeared several years ago in the Art Institute of Chicago. Eventually, the institute gave in and the lintel was returned, amid great fanfare, on Nov. 10.

All of which confronts the prospective shopper from abroad with a problem. Despite the permissions required, despite periodic outbursts of criticism in the press when foreign magazines show a Buddha image in a disrespectful position (i.e., used primarily as decoration), "new antique" shops continue to open both Bangkok and Chiangmai and offer lavish displays of everything from prehistoric pottery and Buddha heads to enough purportedly old Burmese woodcarvings to rebuild and furnish hundreds of complete temples in that sad country.

How then is one to judge, to select something that is both what it seems and legally acceptable?



An antique lion's-paw bed.

Menghwa Khannongwong/The Associated Press

If what the young sculptor says is true — and it is corroborated by numerous local collectors — an obvious piece of advice is to view any major item in stone or bronze, as well as most of the prehistoric pottery, with skepticism, no matter what kind of guarantee accompanies it.

Major pieces aside, though, there are still plenty of interesting things to buy in Thailand, especially in the category of decorative items. Of these probably the best bets are handicrafts, Chinese and Burmese as well as Thai, many of which are rapidly becoming extinct or being corrupted by mass-producers looking for quick profit.

One example is fine basketry, once a specialty throughout the country since times of woven reed or bamboo were rural necessities, storing rice and household goods, carrying goods to market and countless other uses. Plastic is replacing natural materials for most of these today, and the old ones (often looking older than they actually are) turn up in shops as striking objects d'art, as distinguished in line as in workmanship. Lacquered Burmese basketwork is available, too, and the rich dark red of the old is fairly easy to distinguish from the brighter color of most newer items.

Old textiles — either silk or cotton or a combination of the two — are also good buys, though no longer as cheap as they once were, since local collectors have become aware of their increasing rarity. Many of the

finest examples — brocades and delicate embroidery — are actually Laotian, or at least made in the northeast, where most of the population has long been ethnically Lao, or were produced by the tribal groups who live in the hills of the north.

There are handsome woodcarvings as well, despite the numerous fakes. It takes but a rainy season or two for a piece to acquire a powerfully convincing appearance of great age, but even so many genuinely old fragments of temple decoration do appear in shops, along with such curios as elegant spindles from spinning wheels, lacquered wooden boxes, and coconut graters in the shape of various animals, especially rabbits.

ANTIQUE Chinese and Thai furniture turns up, too, though it takes training to distinguish some of it from the excellent reproductions being made. Traditional Thai tables and beds — low and generally plain, with carved legs adapted from Chinese models — are especially worth seeking out, and so are Chinese cabinets with ornately carved and gilded doors. Few of the latter are likely to be Ming, or even much older than a century, but they can be unusual additions to a room.

In the second half of the 19th century, European furnishings were the rage among the Thai aristocracy and much of this is now appearing in shops, equally prized by afflu-

ent young Thais. Enthusiasts of Victoriana, in particular, are likely to have a happy time browsing in shops that specialize in such items as cut-glass decanters, brass carriage lamps and bric-a-brac from the Diamond Jubilee of 1897.

Perceptive collectors of porcelain may also be rewarded. Thai pieces from the Sukhothai period (13th to 15th centuries) are available in the form of celadon bowls and covered jars with brown on beige designs and there are quite a few specimens of blue and-white Chinese export ware. Little known in the West but sought after by Thais is bencharon, a pentachromatic ware with Thai motifs made in China during the Ayutthaya and early Bangkok periods for export to Thailand. Local buyers are willing to pay several thousand dollars for a good specimen.

Finally, there are those fakes, omnipresent and often very tempting, too. For shoppers more concerned with beauty than antiquity, the elegant Umans and Sivas, the simous Burmese goddesses, the Laotian rain drums with their attractive patina are not merely excellent copies but also creations worth having on their artistic merits. If the price is right, then, and if you're not planning to donate them to some museum, forget about authenticity and treat yourself.

William Warren's latest book is "Thai Style" (Rizzoli). He wrote this for The New York Times.

Bumpy trip.

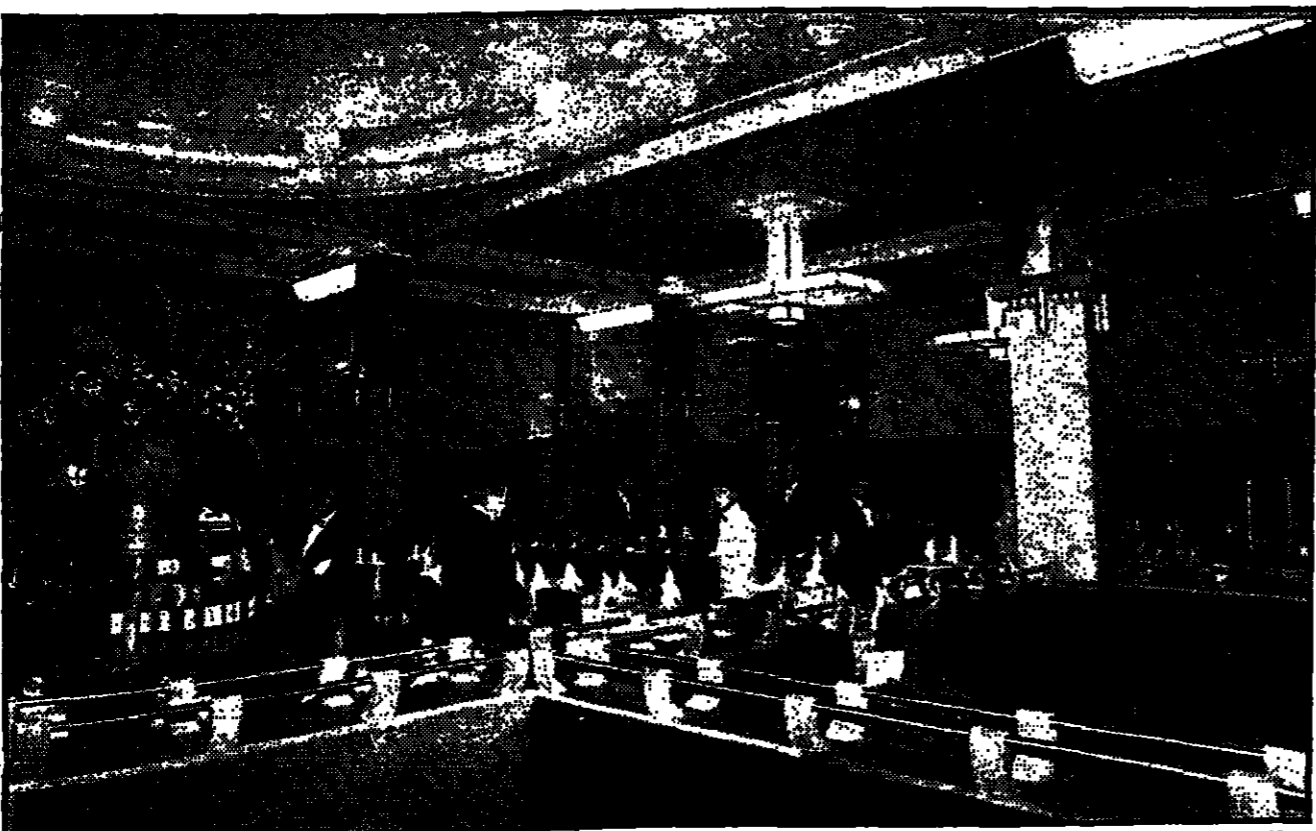
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Inside the famous brasserie.

La Coupole Continued from page 9

de mer — remain to this day its culinary drawing card. The new Coupole expects to serve more than 100 of them each day, contributing to a daily turnover of 6,000 oysters and other shellfish, some 250 crabs and 50 kilos of langoustines. The bane d'huîtres, chilled and modernized, is advertised as the biggest in Paris.

The rest of the brasserie's traditional fare remains much the same. Lamb curry, steak tartare, steak frites, cassoulet and platters of choucroute — sauerkraut and sausages — make up the bulk of the menu.

While subtle and not so subtle changes

made in the name of restoration will remain controversial, in many ways the dining room has never sparkled more. The original blond lemonwood panels that reach halfway up the walls have been cleaned and brightened, and the giant square Art Deco chandeliers still add that authentic period touch. The 34 famous square pillars — 32 of which include paintings by artists such as Fernand Léger and Othon Friesz — were all dismantled, cleaned and restored. Perhaps the most dramatic visual change is the color of the lower portion of the pillars. Formerly a reddish clay color, they are now a brilliant jade green.

But there are aspects of the life, spirit and

reputation of La Coupole that no one could change. The days of Hemingway and Fitzgerald, Man Ray and Luis Buñuel may be long past, but no matter what anyone does to it, La Coupole will remain a place to see and be seen, to sip chocolate on the terrace, to devour oysters in the vast salle, to join the crowd of legendary legions of Montparnasse.

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WALL STREET

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ZZZZ Best's Founder Found Guilty of Fraud

LOS ANGELES — Barry J. Minkow, who founded the ZZZZ Best carpet-cleaning company as a teen-ager, has been found guilty on all 57 counts of securities fraud and conspiracy charges stemming from the collapse of his business in 1987.

NYSE High-Lows

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U.S. Auto Sales Down 11% in Early December

DETROIT — The seven companies that make automobiles in the United States have reported that their sales fell 10.6 percent in the first 10 days of December from the comparable period in 1987.

London Metals

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Spot Commodities

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Maxwell to Sell Macmillan Units

NEW YORK — Robert Maxwell, the British publisher who recently acquired Macmillan Inc., plans to sell Macmillan's three remaining non-British businesses.

Kleinwort Cuts 35 London Jobs

LONDON — Kleinwort Benson Group PLC said Thursday that it had cut 35 jobs from its British equity trading department.





BUSINESS ROUNDUP

EC Orders Shake-Up in Data Services

BRUSSELS — Telecommunications authorities in the European Community will be forced to let competitors offer services on their networks from next year under controversial proposals unveiled Thursday by the European Commission.

them in competition with national telecommunications systems, which also offer such services. Up to now, European third-party networks have had to rely entirely on private lines and equipment.

corded to Dennis Exton, analyst with Phillips & Drew in London. "Companies like Electronic Data Systems from the U.S. and KDD from Japan have been able to build bridgeheads in Europe by leasing circuits" and then reselling these circuits to third-party carriers, he said.

JAL Threatens To Hit Back If U.S. Bars Sales

TOKYO — Japan Air Lines said Thursday it would consider retaliation against United Airlines if the U.S. government bans sales of JAL tickets through computerized reservation and ticketing systems in the United States.

IBM Extends Arrangement Providing Data to EC Rivals

BRUSSELS — International Business Machines Corp. will continue to provide technical information about its mainframe computers to competitors in the European Community in an extension of a 1984 antitrust settlement, IBM and the European Commission said Thursday.

DSM to Build Plant for Superfiber

AMSTERDAM — DSM NV, the state-owned chemicals company, said Thursday that it was building a plant to make Dyneema superfiber that is expected to begin production at the end of 1990.

Ford Agrees to Marketing of Bronco II in U.S. Under Mazda Nameplate

DETROIT — In a turnabout, Ford Motor Co. has announced that it plans to let Mazda sell Ford's popular Bronco II sports utility vehicle under Mazda's nameplate and through its own U.S. dealerships.

production to supply its longtime Japanese affiliate as well. Ford officials declined to say how soon Mazda would get the truck, but industry analysts believe that Ford will start supplying Mazda in the 1991 model year, when a redesigned Bronco II is scheduled to be introduced.

After effectively creating the market in the late 1970s, the Japanese are now getting trounced in light trucks by the Big Three. "The import market share in trucks is plunging," concedes William Hackett, Mazda's vice president for marketing.

battle, with Dodge thrown in, and everyone else is getting blown away. The Japanese market share in light trucks has plummeted to just 11.6 percent; two years ago, it was 18.3 percent.

BHP Gold Posts Higher Net but Warns of Currency Effect

MELBOURNE — BHP Gold Mines Ltd. reported Thursday a net profit of 7.53 million Australian dollars (\$6.4 million) for the six months ended Nov. 30, but warned that the strength of the Australian dollar would have "considerable adverse impact" on its cash flow and profits.

The company said that the proportionately small rise in earnings reflected heavy capital spending from cash flow. BHP Gold, which is 56 percent owned by Broken Hill Proprietary Co., said the strength of the Australian dollar and weaker U.S. dollar gold prices had driven Australian dollar gold prices to their lowest levels in two years.

Exploration spending amounted to 18.72 million dollars and capital expenditure totaled 25.92 million dollars in the period. BHP Gold directors maintained their policy of not paying a dividend to allocate funds to the expansion of company activities and reserves.

Broken Hill reported higher steel production but sharply lower iron ore production after a damaging strike earlier this year. The statement said that domestic steel dispatches rose to 2.38 million tons in the half from 2.17 million tons in the period a year ago.

All BHP Gold comparisons were to the nine months ended Nov. 30, 1987, when net was reported at 6.7 million dollars.

Gold-price protection and currency hedging policies could not completely erase the impact of the metal and the currency fluctuations, the company said in a statement.

Meanwhile, analysts continued to predict that the parent would post a net profit of 470 million dollars to 485 million dollars for the six months ended Nov. 30 — about unchanged from 479.1 million in the nine-month period a year earlier.

Dispatches to the local market in November were 397,000 tons, up from 368,000 a year ago.

DESIGN COMPETITION for the development of the First Government House Site and adjacent sites SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA. In 1788, only four months after the first European settlement on Australia's east coast, the colony's First Government House was built on a site which is now part of Sydney's Central Business District.

Goodyear Sees Drop In 4th-Quarter Net

AKRON, Ohio — Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. said Thursday that its fourth-quarter net income could be 40 percent to 45 percent below the \$167 million the company earned a year earlier.

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SOME OF THE WORLD'S FINEST LUXURY FURS ARE TO GO ON SALE AT A FRACTION OF THEIR ORIGINAL BRITISH RETAIL PRICE. The full stock list is too great to itemise but here are just a few examples. FUR LINED RAINCOATS \$197 STRIPPED MINK JACKETS \$330 FOX JACKETS \$199 STRIPPED MINK COATS \$633 SILVER FOX 3/4 LENGTH JACKETS \$567 FULLY STRANDED 'SAGA' MINK COATS \$1,967 FEMALE MINKS Ranch, Pastel, Demi-buff, Sapphire \$3,300 HIGH FASHION MINK COATS \$3,967 AND MANY, MANY MORE INCLUDING MUSQUASH, WOLF ALL TYPES OF FOX, STONE MARTEN ETC.

**Thursday's AMEX Closing**

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Amstar/Mar 90	8.05	3/16/89-3/15/90	8.05
Amstar/May 90	8.05	5/16/89-5/15/90	8.05
Amstar/Sep 90	8.05	9/16/89-9/15/90	8.05
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**Japanese Yen**

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CURRENCY MARKETS

Dollar Climbs on U.S. Discount Rate Speculation

NEW YORK — The dollar rose sharply in New York on Thursday as expectations of an early rise in the U.S. discount rate intensified.

Table with 3 columns: Currency, 7% Yield, 12% Yield. Includes Deutsche mark, Japanese yen, Swiss franc, French franc.

"The chance is 60-40 for the rate rise. But we think there is no need to raise the rate as the dollar is firm now. The U.S. will not do so until and if the dollar comes under heavy selling pressure."

Earlier, in London, the dollar closed at 1.7475 DM, up from 1.7380 DM on Wednesday, and at 123.32 yen, up from 122.60.

RATE: Bundesbank Move Targets Fears of Inflation

(Continued from first finance page) charged to commercial banks on short-term loans from the central bank against bills as collateral, it left the benchmark discount rate at 3.50 percent.

G-7 Date Discussed

PARIS — Pierre Bérégovoy, the French finance minister, said Thursday that a meeting of the Group of Seven leading industrialized nations should take place in February.

U.S. Regulatory Agency Orders Bank Examiners To Review LBO Lending

WASHINGTON — The agency that regulates nationally chartered U.S. banks ordered its examiners on Thursday to look for institutions that have taken too big a chunk of the risky but lucrative business of financing leveraged buyouts.

U.S. Brokers Seek Creation Of Repo Market in Tokyo

TOKYO — Six U.S. securities firms operating in Tokyo have asked the Finance Ministry and the Bank of Japan to introduce a Japanese government bond borrowing and repurchase market, the U.S. brokers said in a statement Thursday.

Trade Surplus In Japan Called Likely to Persist

Agence France-Press TOKYO — Japan will be unable to slash its huge trade imbalance in fiscal 1989 and will run a surplus of about \$90 billion, a private research group predicted Thursday.

EC Threatens Action On Illegal Subsidies

BRUSSELS — The European Commission on Thursday threatened court action against five member states over government grants and loans to industry that distort competition.

Philippines The Tang Is Growing

NEW YORK — The Philippines is a threat to the U.S. economy, the Communist Party of the U.S. said in a statement Thursday.

Economic disaster nurturing insurgents

When the military and the Communist Party of the Philippines are in a state of economic disaster, the Communist Party of the Philippines is likely to gain support.

Carago

Carago has been a major force in the Philippines, and its growth is a threat to the U.S. economy.

Hubo King to Sue

Hubo King has filed a lawsuit against the U.S. government, claiming that the government's actions have caused him financial loss.

Main financial table with columns for 12 Month High, Low, Stock, Div, Yld, PE, 1988 High, Low, 4 P.A.L. CTR, Net. Includes various stock market data.

Thursday's OTC Prices. NASDAQ prices as of 3 p.m. New York time. Includes a list of OTC stocks and their prices.

Thursday's AMEX Closing. Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere.

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BOOKS

HEAVEN: A History By Colleen McDannell and Bernhard Lang. 410 pages. \$29.95. Yale University Press, 302 Temple Street, New Haven, Conn. 06520.

Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani To a medieval visionary named Gerardus (1210-1269), it was a city-state: a holy city, surrounded by seven castles and assorted fortresses.

To the Renaissance humanist Francesco Colonna (1433-1527), it was a picturesque place dotted with fountains and laurel trees, a paradisaical countryside where pretty maidens and their young beardless lovers frolicked about the hills and shady groves.

To the Swedish mystic Emanuel Swedenborg, it was a collection of cities with "avenues, streets, and squares," where angels lived in houses with courtyards, gardens and lawns.

And to later spiritualists, it was a land of self-improvers and perpetual students who spent their days in colleges, seminars and libraries.

The place described by all these individuals, of course, is heaven — the subject of this fascinating study by the scholars Colleen McDannell and Bernhard Lang. It is a rich, provocative subject (the same subject, incidentally, of a stylish documentary film by Diane Keaton), and the authors use it as a springboard from which to examine shifting attitudes toward man and God, within the Judeo-Christian tradition. They show how Christianity's own development (growing from a fringe cult into the official religion of the late Roman Empire, and later, an establishment power in Europe) affected its theology; how political, cultural and social shifts were mirrored in changing attitudes toward the afterlife.

Not only are pivotal examples drawn from the works of such thinkers as Augustine, Aquinas, Luther and Pascal, but paintings (by Giotto, Hieronymus Bosch, Fra Angelico, Rubens and Dante Gabriel Rossetti, among others) are used to illustrate the cultural dissemination of certain ideas.

Both best sellers and serious literature (including works by Dante, Milton and Blake) are discussed in detail, but movies are oddly ignored — a curious lapse on the authors' part, given the wealth of films ("Stairway to Heaven" and "Here Comes Mr. Jordan" through "Heaven Can Wait" and "Made in Heaven") that offer highly specific representations of what happens after death.

All in all, however, the authors have done a sophisticated job of finding and collating historical material. Some of the descriptions of heaven found in this volume are willfully abstract and vague: heaven as a radiant, light-filled space, presided over by God and populated by noncorporeal beings.

Other descriptions are so precise as to verge on the comical. One 19th-century spiritualist contended that heaven had two theaters (one for producing earthly dramas; the other for "original heavenly plays"); another noted the absence of spectator sports, though he acknowledged the existence of tennis, rugby, soccer, cricket, boating and "athletics of all kinds."

A 17th-century theologian observed that saints in heaven did not eat, but enjoyed the smells of roses and carnations; a more contemporary writer speculated that residents of the great beyond were vegetarians.

On the matter of love and sex in heaven, there are just as many conflicting opinions. According to the authors' interpretation of the gospels, Christ, himself, explained there would be no marriage in the resurrected life — after death, men and women would be "angel-like, asexual beings." Medieval mystics, for their part, saw virgins achieving a "beatific union" with Christ that would follow the dictates of courtly love. During Renaissance thinkers went so far as to envision heaven as an idealized Garden of Eden, "a place of erotic human love in the bucolic setting of a comfortable natural landscape." And Swedenborg postulated a heaven that would sanctify true love.

In tracing the evolution of views concerning heaven, McDannell and Lang point out that most theories fall into one of two categories: a "theocentric" model of heaven, in which the individual's relationship to God is stressed; or an "anthropocentric" model of heaven in which human ties — to family, friends, the community — play a greater role.

The latter model tends to take a more positive view of the world, turning heaven into an idealized version of life on earth — a life that is complete with love, work and social connections. "Although the two models often co-exist," write the authors, "one of them can generally be considered the dominant view for a given time and place. But the leading position, whether occupied by the theocentric or the anthropocentric view, cannot be firmly established in the long run." Rather, the pendulum of collective belief tends to swing between the two.

Michiko Kakutani is on the staff of The New York Times.

World Stock Markets

Via Agence France Presse Closing prices in local currencies, Dec. 15

Table of World Stock Markets with columns for Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt, London, Milan, Paris, Rome, Zurich, Tokyo, and various regional indices. Includes sub-sections for Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt, London, Milan, Paris, Rome, Zurich, Tokyo, and various regional indices.

Table of International Stock Markets with columns for Toronto, Montreal, and various international indices. Includes sub-sections for Toronto, Montreal, and various international indices.

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

ON this side of the Atlantic, in current play, David and Alan Siebert of Little Rock, Arkansas, make up what is probably the strongest brother-and-brother partnership. Together with John Zlic of Houston, Paul Munafo of Huntsville, Alabama, and Sylvia Summers of Long Beach, California, they won the National Swiss Team Championship, which ended Nov. 27 in Nashville.

BRIDGE

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spade ace, David Siebert, as declarer, could count eight tricks. He needed one more from one of the black suits, and at once tested clubs by cashing the ace and then leading to the king. West's discard of a spade was a disappointment. Any direct attempt to score a ninth trick in spades was due to fail, but Siebert read the cards well. He judged that West was sure to have the spade queen and was unlikely to have unguarded it. His distribution was likely to be 4-5-2-2, as indeed it was, so two diamond winners were taken, ending in dummy.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

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Cartoon titled 'Dennis the Menace' showing Dennis playing a game with a girl.

Word puzzle titled 'Jumble' with a grid and clues.

Cartoon titled 'Peanuts' featuring characters like Charlie Brown and Snoopy.

Cartoon titled 'Blonde' featuring a blonde character.

Cartoon titled 'Beetle Bailey' featuring Beetle Bailey.

Cartoon titled 'Andy Capp' featuring Andy Capp.

Cartoon titled 'Wizard of ID' featuring a wizard.

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SPORTS

It's Strike 3 Around the World

Armed Forces Network Has Switched Off Its Civilian Listeners

By Fred Farris
International Herald Tribune
WASHINGTON — The voices of Ken Allan, Dallas Burnette and other sports-casters familiar to listeners of the Armed Forces Network have been still for many since the radio service switched from shortwave to satellite broadcasting.

cast service for U.S. Navy vessels in the Atlantic is to begin June 1, 1989, with Indian Ocean service to follow soon after.
"We anticipate getting some of those L-band, or radio only, receivers on all the big ships where most of our navy forces are, but it may not be economical to do it on the smaller ships or on submarines," Hansen said.

WALLISER WINS DOWNHILL CUP RACE

N ALTENMARKT, Austria (AP) — Maria Walliser of Switzerland skied through falling snow Thursday to win the second women's downhill race of the World Cup season.

S., Europe Win in Kirin Cup Golf

KAPALUA, Hawaii — The defending champion United States, led by a Crenshaw and Chip Beck with six-under-par 66, defeated Australia and New Zealand by 10-2 Wednesday in the Kirin Cup World Championship Golf, while Europe, anchored by Ronan Rafferty of Ireland and Josep

Holtz Named Top U.S. College Coach

HOUSTON (AP) — Lou Holtz, of No. 1-ranked and unbeaten Notre Dame, won the Bear Bryant Award on Wednesday night as the top U.S. college football coach.

Dooley Resigns as Coach of Georgia

ATHENS, Georgia (AP) — Vince Dooley has resigned as football coach at the University of Georgia after a quarter-century spent transforming the school's team from also-ran to traditional power.

Abdul-Jabbar Case to Go to Trial

PHOENIX (AP) — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, the leading scorer in National Basketball Association history, will be tried next year on two misdemeanor counts stemming from a shoving incident at a shopping mall, a city prosecutor said Thursday.

For the Record

Bob Stull, who turned Texas-El Paso from a loser into a bowl team in three years, was named football coach at Missouri.
Trevor Francis, the former striker for England's soccer team, was appointed manager of the first division Queen's Park Rangers.

Quotable

The toughest places in the United States to play in college basketball?
"Bob Dabiet, Marquette; #4 Kansas. It's like playing in Russia."
Bobby Pascoe, South Florida: "Nevada-Las Vegas. We lost the game and we lost our money."

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for Football, Basketball, Hockey, Soccer, and other sports, listing scores and standings.

Wilander Faces Steeb in Cup's Opening Match

GOTEBORG, Sweden — Mats Wilander, the world's top ranked tennis player, will open Sweden's bid to retain the Davis Cup on Thursday.

Bruno's Script in L.A.: Lonely Are the Brave

LOS ANGELES — Frank Bruno, arriving from London, wasn't greeted like royalty. In fact, the British challenger for the world heavyweight title was met Wednesday at Los Angeles International Airport by only a couple of photographers.

Cunningham: An NFL All-Star First

NEW YORK — For the first time in the history of the National Football League's all-star game, which started in 1951, a black quarterback — Randall Cunningham of the Philadelphia Eagles — has been voted to start the contest.

Eagles' Black Quarterback to Start Game

LOS ANGELES — After 10 losses and 5 1/2 weeks of the National Basketball Association season, the Miami Heat have won a game.

U.S. College Results

Table listing college sports results including Football, Basketball, Hockey, and Soccer.



Frank Bruno struck a pugilistic pose in a Los Angeles airport shuttle, but even that did not draw a crowd.

Ali Says It Was He Making Phone Calls

WASHINGTON — Former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali said Wednesday that "I've been making the calls" and denied that someone imitating his voice had on numerous occasions this year telephoned senators, congressional aides and journalists.

Now the Heat Can Rise Again

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OBSERVER

Christmas Shopping

By Russell Baker
NEW YORK — My Christmas shopping took practically no time at all. I did the job at Christmas Hall, a gigantic two-story building containing 273 stores...

through this mercantile nightmare in search of the "Uninteresting Merchandise Emporium."
Also, the size 8 can be brought back and traded for a one-size-fits-all item like a set of Eleganza's imported fuzzy dice...

Lafcadio Hearn's Love Affair With Japan

By Christine Chapman
MATSUE, Japan — "A jet black plum pudding reminded him of Christmas in Ireland. Hearn loved it," said Bon Koizumi, Lafcadio Hearn's 27-year-old great-grandson and keeper of Hearn fame...



Lafcadio Hearn (left) and Bon Koizumi, his great-grandson and keeper of his fame.

He left Matsue in 1891 to teach in the warmer south. After three unhappy years in Kumamoto City, he moved to Kobe, where he worked for an English-language newspaper. In 1896 he accepted the chair of Professor of English Literature at the Imperial University...

gave himself the first name Yukumo, meaning "eight clouds."
Husband and wife were two of a kind in disposition: erratic, hot-tempered, paranoid. In describing Setsu, Bon Koizumi used the words "cranky," "hysterical" and "severe to children..."

'War of Worlds' Script Is Sold for \$143,000
The original radio script for the 1938 "War of the Worlds," including handwritten changes by Orson Welles and CBS censors, was auctioned for \$143,000 at Sotheby's in New York...

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